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SUBJECT: CEREMONIES AT SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL

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1. MISSION HAS REVIEWED RECORD OF SIZE OF CEREMONIES
AT SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL, AND NOTES THAT WHILE THEY ARE UNUSUALLY LARGE ( AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN) AND ARE LARGER TODAY THAN
THEY WERE A FEW YEARS AGO, WE DO NOT SHARE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY
FRG BONN GROUP REP THAT THEY ARE GETTING COMPLETELY
OUT OF HAND OR REPRESENT EFFORT BY SOVIETS TO ESTABLISH
SOME NEW FORM OF PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN.
BY INVITING EASTERN EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM EAST BERLIN
TO PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONIES.

2. ALLIES HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH SENAT OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND BRITISH, WITH ALLIED APPROVAL, RAISED SIZE OF CEREMONIES WITH SOVIETS CONFIDENTIAL

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IN LOW KEY FASHION IN MID-DECEMBER. SOVIETS REJECTED OUT OF HAND BRITISH SUGGESTION THAT CEREMONIES BE TRIMMED TO MORE MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS TO REDUCE LARGE NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS THEY USUALLY CAUSE.

3. WE BELIEVE ALLIES HAVE DONE ALL THAT CAN BE DONE

FOR PRESENT. WE ARE POUCHING COPY OF SENAT PAPER PREPARED ON SUBJECT OF CEREMONIES SINCE 1969 AND COPIES OF ALLIED EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES IN DECEMBER ON SUBJECT TO ASSIST EMBASSY IN DEALING WITH ISSUE NEXT TIME IT COMES UP IN BONN GROUP.

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